GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:41
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005
DEATH IN POLICE CUSTODY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the custodial deaths in the country are on increase;

(b) if so, the total number of custodial deaths reported during the last one year, State-wise, till-date;

(c) whether any investigation has been made against the erring officers; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the investigation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): There has been a decline in the number of deaths in police custody during the last three years as per the reports received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from the State Governments/UTs. However, there has been an increase in number of deaths in judicial custody during the same period.

(b): A statement showing the State-wise number of custodial deaths reported to the NHRC during the year 2004-2005 (upto 18.2.2005) is annexed at Annexure - I.

(c) & (d): The NHRC conducts investigation in cases of custodial deaths wherever it is considered necessary. The Commission has recommended Rs. 4.00 lakh as payment of compensation in five cases of deaths in police custody and Rs. 2.50 lakh in three cases of deaths in judicial custody during the year 2004-2005.
Annexure - I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 41 FOR 1.3.2005

STATEMENT SHOWING CUSTODIAL DEATHS REPORTED TO NHRC FROM STATE GOVERNMENTS/UTs DURING THE YEAR 2004-2005 (Upto 18.2.2005)

STATE 2004-2005 UPTO 18/2/2005

	Police Custody	Judicial Custody	TOTAL
ANDHRA PRADESH	12	105	117
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	2	2
ASSAM	3	9	12
BIHAR	3	141	144
GOA	-	3	3
GUJARAT	13	48	61
HARYANA	2	46	48
HIMACHAL PRADESH	-	5	5
JAMMU & KASHMIR	-	-	0
KARNATAKA	8	42	50
KERALA	4	43	47
MADHYA PRADESH	2	43	45
MAHARASHTRA	22	128	150
MANIPUR	-	-	0
MEGHALAYA	2	6	8
MIZORAM	-	-	0
NAGALAND	-	-	0
ORISSA	1	35	36

PUNJAB	5	57	62
RAJASTHAN	-	45	45
SIKKIM	-		0
TAMILNADU	8	86	94
TRIPURA	1	2	3
UTTAR PRADESH	5	189	194
WEST BENGAL	11	60	71
A&N ISLANDS	-	1	1
CHANDIGARH	1	3	4
D&N HAVELI	-	-	0
DAMAN & DIU	-	-	0
DELHI	3	25	28
LAKSHDWEEP	-	-	0
PONDICHERRY	-	-	0
CHHATISGARH	5	22	27
JHARKHAND	5	60	65
UTTARANCHAL	3	9	12
TOTAL CASES	119	1215	1334